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Line sharing is the right thing to do....

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Mr. Powell please leave line sharing in tack. I have gone from paying .31cents a min. to 6.8 because of competition. Do you want to take that away. Compitition breeds success.

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From: valley
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Subject: DSL Line sharing must stay

I don't understand how you can have a problem with line sharing. I pay Verizon for my phone line, then I pay Covad to run their DSL over said line. If this is eliminated I would be forced to run a second phone line or forced to go with Verizon and whatever price they choose to charge me. If Verizon has no competition this price is certain to go up. I can't see any benefit to the American people under this scenario. Please consider this when making your decision.

A.J. Trilli

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Dear Sir; If you owned a store chain such as Wal Mart or Sears and were told that you had to re-sell your goods to competition at a price that is lower than what you paid for the goods, would you or would you not invest in new types of goods that you would have to re-sell at the same discount. Obviously not! You would have to have no business sense at all! That would put your company out of business over a period of time. The same thing is happening in the telecommunications world. The laws put in place to encourage competition can't work unless the companies own and control their own lines. The way it stands no incumbent Bell company is going to invest in new technology when they have to re-sell the technology at a discount to their competition. That would be a sure way to cause things like the current bankruptcies of several technology and telephony companies. If no new technology is installed, the companies that develop these technologies also suffer the same fates as the ones that **use** them. If nothing is done in the very near future, such as requiring competitive companies own or build their own networks the industry can only deteriorate further financially. The way it stands I could start a company, lease lines at this discount with no doubts of making money- I wouldn't have to invest in lines or upkeep or even upgrades. I could buy service at **less** than what the incumbent could sell it for and then put say a 10-20 percent increase on the resale. Would I make money? **YOU BET I WOULD!** That's the same thing that all the competition that's been 'created' is doing. Trying to lower prices in this manner won't work unless your main objective is to cause the collapse of the incumbent company. Even then the competition would inherit the same problems from owning and having to pay for new technology and the upkeep of the existing technology that is in place.

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